

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend the Fellowship of  
Christian Athletes for their "One Way 2 Play -  
Drug Free" program.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should honor those laudable organizations and individuals who, because of their Judeo-Christian-based values and concern for their community, commit their time and talents to improving the lives of their fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, for thirty-six years, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes has been one such worthy organization in Tennessee, comprised of present and former professional and student athletes, clergy and laypersons, who present to athletes and coaches and all whom they influence, the challenge and adventure of personally accepting the Christian faith and serving humanity in their relationships and in the fellowship of the church; and

WHEREAS, with more than 45,000 members statewide, FCA members have embarked upon a crusade to confront the problem of drug and alcohol use through implementation of their "One Way 2 Play - Drug Free" program; and

WHEREAS, this outstanding program goes far beyond other anti-drug campaigns because it helps young people create a powerful, healthy family atmosphere through which members may provide other teens with clear information and guidance and accountability; and

WHEREAS, through the "One Way 2 Play - Drug Free" program, participants are taught why young people drink and use drugs, how you can identify a user, how to create an open and caring atmosphere for youths, how to teach responsibility and coping skills, and ultimately how to help drug abusers; and

WHEREAS, today many young people feel alone and hopeless and desperately need someone to reach out to them; the members of FCA are reaching out to these youths in Tennessee and are providing them with love, responsibility and the skills with which they can make healthy decisions; and

WHEREAS, by committing to the drug-free program, members demonstrate their faith in God through Jesus Christ, their commitment to say no to alcohol and other drugs, and their accountability to one another; and

WHEREAS, with more huddles, teams, and groups on junior high and high school campuses than any other Christian organization in the United States and Tennessee, the Fellowship of Christian Athletes can have great influence on teens with their awareness, education, and drug abuse prevention program; and

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that we commend the members and participants of the "One Way 2 Play - Drug Free" program and extend to them our support as they fight one of the most overwhelming problems in our society; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby honor and thank the Fellowship of Christian Athletes for initiating and implementing the "One Way 2 Play - Drug Free" program in Tennessee and nationally and we support them as they continue to deliver their very important drug-free message to our youths.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.